

THE INTERNATIONAL TEACHING CENTRE
BAHÁ'Í WORLD CENTRE

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Transmitted by email

Continental Pioneer Committee
for Asia

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

Thank you for your email of 9 February 2008 forwarding a series of email communications regarding Mr. Mehdi Servina's request for financial assistance to pioneer from Seychelles to China. His request for deputation seems to be for educational expenses to attend Liaoning University for the first year of a three-year Chinese language academic program.

After considering various factors, we find that we are unable to approve Mr. Servina's request. Generally it is highly preferable for prospective pioneers to China to first secure a job before relocating there and for those who wish to study in that country to be financially self-sufficient. In view of his young age and life experience, it might be appropriate for your Committee to encourage Mr. Servina, with the support of his family, to focus on acquiring higher education or trade skills which would give him access to better job opportunities in the future rather than pioneering at this time. Additionally, before pursuing homefront or international pioneering, it is advisable that he gain firsthand experience with the core activities of the Five Year Plan in Seychelles, his home country.

Please assure Mr. Servina of our prayers at the Sacred Threshold that he may be divinely guided and assisted in his plans to serve the Faith.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

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